GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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GRIEVANCES OF TOBACCO WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Beedi, Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation has submitted memorandum to the Government regarding their grievances and demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A number of issues like uniform wages throughout the country, supply of sufficient quantity of tendu leaves and tobacco to beedi rollers etc have been raised in the memorandum. It has also been suggested that a Tripartite Committee may be formed to discuss these issues. The Joint Action Committee for Beedi Workers has also requested for forming the Tripartite Committee.

(c): Some of the issues raised in the memorandum by the All India Beedi, Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation have been discussed among other in the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee on Beedi Workers Welfare Fund also. As suggested, government is in the process of forming a Tripartite Committee.